



# AMERICAN GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### New England Guernsey Breeders host successful National Convention & Annual Meeting

*Columbus, Ohio* – Guernsey breeders from New Hampshire and Vermont came together to host a successful National Guernsey Convention from July 6 – 9, headquartered in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Convention attendees were treated to visits to Huckins Farm, Mac's Maple Farm and Mill Bridge Farm of New Hampshire; as well as Middletown Farm, Howacres Farm and Rock Bottom Farm / Strafford Organic Creamery of Vermont. Besides the tours, Guernsey fans enjoyed youth contests, committee meetings, two awards banquets, a successful cattle sale and a well-attended Annual Meeting.

#### Award highlights are as follows:

Master Breeder Award: Carrie Chickering-Sears, South Deerfield, MA

Distinguished Service Award: Diane Burgess, Bradford, VT

Outstanding Young Farmer: Marshall & Kayla Overholt, Big Prairie, OH

Outstanding Young Farmer Runner-Up: Elizabeth & Julien Couillard, Chateaugay, NY

#### Production Awards:

High herd lactation average for Milk, Fat and Protein: Gurn Z Meadow Farm, Columbus, WI

21 records - 27,482M 4.9% 1,342F 3.37% 924P

Commercial Herd Award: Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Fort Atkinson, WI

177 records - 21,096M 4.67% 975F 3.45% 724P | 24,743 ECM

Leibers Trophy, Valley Set Award & Arnold Knight Award for Living Lifetime production

Knapps Hillpoint Pie Teacup-ET : 4,071D 341,954M 16,051F 11,337P Lifetime

Owned by Austin & Landen Knapp, Epworth, IA

New England Trophy (Highest 305-day milk record for the year), Tarbell Trophy (Highest 305-day fat record), and California Protein Award (Highest 305-day protein record)

Knapps Hillpoint Pie Teacup-ET – 12-10 305D 2X 34,980M 6.1% 2,151F 3.6% 1,243P

Owned by Austin & Landen Knapp, Epworth, IA

Nyala-Bedford Trophy (Highest 305 day first lactation ECM record)

Gurn Z Meadow Legend Skye - 2-02 305D 3X 33,600M 5.9% 1,999F 3.3% 1,092P 44,737ECM

Owned by Julie Orchard, Columbus, WI

Max Dawdy young sire awards were presented to Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Fort Atkinson, WI; Trent & Leann Jensen, Amery, WI; Kaleb & Shelbi Fisher, Scottsville, KY; Neil & Janice Jensen, Comstock, WI; Lauren Mohr, Carlock, IL and Dan & Sherry Ealy, Sharpville, PA

Double Gold Star Breeder awards were presented to Gurn Z Meadow Farm, Columbus, WI; Hoard's Dairyman Farm, Fort Atkinson, WI; Coulee Crest LLC, Cashton, WI and Walnut Ridge Farm, Middletown, MD

Gold Star Breeder awards were presented to Randy Knapp, Epworth, IA; Springhill, Big Prairie, OH and Kevin & Dina Stoltzfus, East Earl, PA.

Lee Yost National Total Performance Winner: Kadence Fames Lovely EX-94, owned by Kadence Farm, New Glarus, WI

Jim Trotter Triple Crown Award: Gladheart Beau Desi-ET, owned by Edward Crossland, Cumberland, MD

The first annual Golden Guernsey Dairy Products Contest was held at the National Convention, with many entries and positive reviews. For complete contest results, contact the American Guernsey Association.

Best in Show Product: Grison Dairy – Ozark Mutshi (hard cheese)

Best in Show Packaging: Eby Manor Farm

The American Guernsey Youth Association hosted another well-attended round of contests. Youth contest highlights are as follows:

Outstanding Guernsey Youth: Raegan Kime, Waucoma, IA

Runner-Up Outstanding Guernsey Youth: Jocelynn McMurray, Eighty, Four, PA

National Guernsey Queen: Mary Beth Collette, Chuckey, TN

National Guernsey Princess: Elizabeth Nichols, Churubusco, NY

Miss Congeniality recipient: Emily Myers, Hope Valley, RI

National Guernsey Youth Scholarship: Haley Beukema, New Richmond, WI

Max Dawdy Scholarship: Emily Church, Cresco, IA

Seth & Genevieve Schnebly Memorial Scholarship: Madeline Headings, Plain City, OH

Turley Scholarship: Madeline Headings, Plain City, OH & Braden Hartmann, Mulberry Grove, IL

Junior Production – Individual Cow recognition:

Connor Hartmann, Mulberry Grove, IL; Braden Hartmann, Mulberry Grove, IL; Karli Stoltzfus, East Earl, PA; Kolby Stoltzfus, East Earl, PA

Junior Production – Group of Three Cows recognition:

Connor Hartmann, Mulberry Grove, IL; Braden Hartmann, Mulberry Grove, IL; Karli Stoltzfus, East Earl, PA; Kolby Stoltzfus, East Earl, PA; Renee Ealy, Sharpsville, PA

Junior Gold Star Breeders: Braden Hartmann, Mulberry Grove, IL; Connor Hartmann, Mulberry Grove, IL; Renee Ealy, Sharpsville, PA; Whitney Yerina, Phillipsburg, MO

Junior Progressive Breeder: Renee Ealy, Sharpsville, PA

Quiz Bowl:

Junior Winning Team: Florida

Junior Runner-Ups: Illinois

Junior MVP: Kathryn Montes de Oca, Florida

Senior Winning Team: Pennsylvania Gold

Senior Runner-Ups: New England

Senior MVP: Ashton Stiles, Pennsylvania

**National Convention Sale**

The Vermont Guernsey Breeders' Association hosted the 2023 National Convention Sale on July 8, 2023. The successful averages included: 44 heifers and cows averaging \$4,130, with 113 embryos, in 28 lots, averaging \$607 per egg. Buyers hailed from 20 states and Canada.

Top Seller: Knapps Drone Talk About Me (9/21) - \$15,000

Consignor: Knapps, Epworth, IA

Buyer: Theo Goldenberg & Mackenzie Knapp, Epworth, IA

2nd High: Lot 3 Choice of Beau or Reputation 9/23 Calves from Malt - \$11,600

Consignor: Valley Gem, Cumberland, WI

Buyer: Elmhurst, Waynesville, OH

3rd High: Knapps Drone Tangy (9/22) - \$11,200

Consignor: Knapps Epworth, IA

Buyer: John & Bonnie Ayars, Mechanicsburg, OH

The American Guernsey Association is based in Columbus, Ohio and is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of Guernsey dairy cows and products.

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